

## **MINUTES**

### **July 27, 2004**

The State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors met on July 27, 2004 at the office of Willmer Engineering, Inc., 3772 Pleasantdale Road, Suite 165, Atlanta, GA 30340.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

William W. Dean, PE - Chairman  
Theodore W. Waddle, LS, PE  
Doris I. Willmer, PE  
E. Charles Vickery, PE  
Richard K. Little, PE  
Mark E. Chastain, LS  
Guy F. Ritter, PE  
Gloria B. Ransom, Ph.D., Public Member

#### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

John H. Sweitzer, PE

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

J. Darren Mickler – Board Executive Director  
Vivian Stephens – Board Application Specialist  
Ajay Gohil – Attorney General Representative

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

none

#### **Call to order:**

Chairman Dean called the meeting to order at 9:45 am and presented a proposed agenda. Ms. Willmer requested to add two items, Task Force Report and Articles for Georgia Engineer Magazine. Mr. Little moved to adopt the amended agenda. Mr. Ritter seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Chairman Dean asked for any additions or deletions to the minutes of the June 15, 2004 Board Meeting. With a minor change showing that the Consent Order was for Abernathy and Associates and not the Land Surveyor personally, Mr. Little moved to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Ritter seconded. Motion carried.

#### **New Business:**

##### **4.1 Request for Engineer of Record for Two Companies**

Mr. Mickler read a letter from Mr. George Pidgeon and Mr. Steven Rowland from Environmental Wastewater Management Solutions Inc. and CivilTech Engineering, Inc. requesting that one engineer be able to qualify the two engineering firms for Certificate of Authorization. Mr. Little recommended combining the two firms and to deny the request. No official action was taken.

#### **4.2 Digital Archive of Sealed Documents**

There was general discussion of two letters received requesting direction from the Board on digital archival of sealed documents by firms. The consensus of the Board was that this was a legal matter and not under the Board's jurisdiction.

#### **4.3 June 2005 Board Meeting**

The Board has received an invitation from ACEC to hold the June 2005 Board meeting at the Georgia Engineers Summer Conference in Calloway Gardens. Mr. Ritter moved that the Board accept the invitation with certain conditions to hold a meeting in conjunction with ACEC's 2005 annual meeting. Mr. Chastain seconded. Motion carried. This item will be listed on the agenda as Old Business until the June 2005 meeting.

#### **4.4 Notice of Borrower Default on Student Loan**

Mr. Chastain moved to suspend Michael A. Collins's certificate to practice as an Engineer-In-Training, Certificate No. EIT020463, for failure to repay a student loan, and further move that this suspension will cease upon receipt by the Joint Secretary of a "Notice of Release" from the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation. Mr. Little seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Chastain moved to suspend Jongmin Kim's certificate to practice as an Engineer-In-Training, Certificate No. EIT020158, for failure to repay a student loan, and further move that this suspension will cease upon receipt by the Joint Secretary of a "Notice of Release" from the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation. Mr. Little seconded. Motion carried.

#### **4.5 Task Force Report**

Ms. Willmer reported that a final report on the Task Force recommendations should be ready in October 2004.

#### **4.6 Georgia Engineer Magazine**

Ms. Willmer asked for Board member volunteers to write articles for the Georgia Engineer Magazine. Mr. Ritter and Mr. Dean volunteered to prepare articles.

#### **Executive Session:**

At 10:15 am, Mr. Ritter moved to enter into Executive Session to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications and investigative reports. Mr. Little seconded. Motion carried.

The following Board members were present during Executive Session – Chairman Dean, Mr. Waddle, Mr. Vickery, Mr. Little, Ms. Willmer, Mr. Ritter, Mr. Chastain:

**Reconvened Open Session at 3:30 PM with the following Board members present - Chairman Dean, Mr. Waddle, Mr. Vickery, Ms. Willmer, Mr. Ritter, Mr. Chastain:**

**Investigations and Complaints:**

Mr. Little moved to accept a signed Cease and Desist Order from Mr. George Pidgeon for unlicensed practice of professional engineering. Mr. Chastain seconded. Motion carried.

PELS030028 – This case involved allegations of substandard practice of land surveying. Mr. Waddle recommended to close the case with no violations found. Mr. Ritter so moved. Mr. Little seconded. Motion carried.

**Board Memo Comity Model Law Applicants:**

Applicants for registration as Professional Engineers by comity, who have an ABET engineering degree, who have taken and passed an 8-hour fundamentals of engineering (EIT/FE) exam, who have a minimum of 48 months post graduation engineering experience as determined by a staff evaluation using the present Board guidelines, who have taken and passed an 8-hour principles and practice of engineering exam (PE Exam-taken at least 4 years after BS degree), and who comply in every way with the provisions of the appropriate law(s), are as follows:

29697 Bell, Hannah

29700 Huston, Rea

29707 Churches, Charles H

29710 Shuler III, Edward L.

29713 Johnson, Larry A.

29698 Lalonde, Philippe

29701 Zusy, James L.

29708 Del Nero, Gary M

29711 Van Gerve, Donald J.

29699 Lard, Trent

29702 Stolz, Joseph

29709 Milligan, Jason R.

29712 Ladson, Charles

Ms. Willmer moved to approve these applicants for PE registration by comity @ 43-15-16(a), via 43-15-8(1) and 43-15-9(1). Mr. Little seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Dean asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Little so moved. Mr. Ritter seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm. Board members remained after the meeting to complete reviews of applications until they were finished.

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Board Chairman

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Division Director